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QUESTION 1: The City of Edmonton should take more action to make municipal land available for low-income affordable housing development (eg. surplus school land).

Yes, I believe that. That being said, we must also ensure that we also create support services and amenities in those areas as well to ensure a high quality of life.

QUESTION 2: There is not enough subsidized housing in some neighbourhoods, and the City must ensure a better distribution in all neighbourhoods throughout Edmonton.

Having worked as a police officer in Central Edmonton for the last 6 years, and having observed the benefit that creating a balanced community of backgrounds can create, I fully agree with this statement.

QUESTION 3: The City should seek to use zoning flexibility (on issues such as required parking spaces) to support the development of more affordable housing initiatives.

And, as I mentioned previously, ensuring proper amenities for a high quality of life is also able to be provided nearby.

QUESTION 4: The City should commit funding to extend the Cornerstones Affordable Housing program.

No answer.

QUESTION 5: The City should create a comprehensive plan to address the need for thousands of units of affordable housing in a comprehensive and coordinated way that includes attention to schools, public transportation, and community services.

I was under the impression that a plan was already in place, but if there isn't one, then of course it's very much needed.

QUESTION 6: The City is doing a good job to end chronic homelessness through the current 10 Year Plan and the work of the Edmonton Homeless Commission.

Having been a part of the implementation and execution of multiple Community Action Team and partnership projects with Homeless Connect, I feel that we are definitely doing more now than in past administrations. That being said, we can always improve in all that we do.

QUESTION 7: The City must be more active in advocating with the provincial and federal governments for more funding and better policies on affordable housing.

No answer.

QUESTION 8: The City must develop better ways to gather views of all residents about housing issues and not depend so significantly on input from community leagues and developers.

Effective and clear dialogue is the only way we can come together as a community. If any one group feels slighted, ignored, or neglected, the whole thing collapses. We need to ensure all issues, including housing, that will impact a community has full collaboration with all stakeholders.

QUESTION 9: Finally, you may provide any additional comments about any other aspects of housing and homelessness.

We have much work to do in ensuring that the City as a whole moves forward as a team, and not as individual groups left to fend for themselves. Everyone benefits when the weakest link in a chain is strengthened. Thank you for the opportunity to answer your survey. If readers would like to learn more about my thoughts and ideas for improving Edmonton, I recorded a short video which they can watch at <http://www.dexwilliams.com>